

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Boise District Resource Advisory Council

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1. Department or Agency

Department of the Interior

2. Fiscal Year

2018

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Boise District Resource Advisory Council

3b. GSA Committee No.

2055

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

01/06/2017

6. Expected Renewal Date

01/06/2019

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

5 U.S.C. Appendix

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

Federal Land Policy and Management Act, Sec. 309

13. Effective Date

10/21/1976

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open 4 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 4 Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
The 15-member RAC advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in Idaho. During this meeting, the Boise District RAC will receive updates on the Wild Horse and Burro program, travel management planning, Fire program, Soda Fire rehabilitation, Tri-State fuel break project, and other field office updates.	11/17/2017	11/17/2017
The 15-member RAC advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in Idaho. During the February 22, 2018, meeting, the Boise District RAC will discuss a review of the draft for the Four Rivers Field Office Resource Management Plan including any need for follow-up, and receive updates on the Wild Horse and Burro program, travel management planning, Soda Fire rehabilitation, Tri-State fuel break project, and other field office updates.	02/22/2018	02/22/2018
During the April 5, 2017, meeting the Boise District RAC will receive updates on the Wild Horse and Burro program; travel management planning; fire program; Soda Fire rehabilitation; the Four Rivers Field Office Resource Management Plan; and other field office updates. Additional topics may be added and will be included in local media announcements	04/04/2018	04/04/2018

The 15-member RAC advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in Idaho. During the September 13, 2018 meeting, the Boise District RAC will have a briefing on the Boise District's wild horse program, Tri-State fuel breaks project, travel management planning, and other Field Office updates. Additional topics may be added and will be included in local media announcements.

09/13/2018 - 09/13/2018

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 4

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$12,619.00	\$53,000.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$286.00	\$1,000.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$900.00	\$1,000.00
18d. Total	\$13,805.00	\$55,000.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.13	0.50

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Boise District RAC provides representative citizen counsel and advice to the Secretary of the Interior through the Bureau of Land Management's designated Federal officer concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within the geographic area of the Boise District. Subcommittees provide reports and recommendations for the full RAC to act on and provide to the BLM.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Boise District Resource Advisory Council is composed of 15 members distributed in a balanced fashion among the following groups: Category I includes those holding Federal grazing permits or leases, interests associated with transportation or rights-of-way, developed outdoor recreation, OHV users, or commercial recreation activities, commercial timber industry, or energy and mineral development; Category II includes nationally or regionally recognized environmental organizations, dispersed recreation activities, archaeological and historical interests, or nationally or regionally recognized wild horse and burro interest groups; Category III includes state, county, or locally elected office-holders, employee of a State agency responsible for the management of natural resources, Indian Tribes within or adjacent to the area for which the RAC is organized, are employed as academicians in natural resource management or the natural sciences, or represent the public-at-large.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The Boise District RAC met four times in FY18. In FY 2017, there were four RAC meetings. Approved meeting notes are on the BLM website for the Boise District RAC at: <https://www.blm.gov/get-involved/resource-advisory-council/near-you/Idaho/boise-district-RAC>.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The RAC provides essential public collaboration with government officials and an invaluable link between communities and the BLM's local decision-makers about the management of the public's lands in the BLM's Boise District. The RAC helps build a bridge with members of the public to increase understanding of the BLM's positions. The Boise District RAC is having positive impacts in improving the stewardship of the public lands in the Boise District and promoting our mutual goal of cooperative conservation.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

All meetings are open to the public. Notices of the meetings are published in the Federal Register, posted on the BLM Idaho website, and distributed to local newspapers.

21. Remarks

RAC members provide timely feedback on priority projects in the District. The insight we gain from these volunteers is used in our decision making processes and considered valuable in making effective decisions and progress.

Designated Federal Officer

Lara Douglas District Manager, BLM Boise District

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Baczkowski, Stacey	10/18/2011	01/22/2019	Senior Biologist, Idaho Power Company	Representative Member
Bennett, Donna	09/30/2007	03/17/2018	Grazing-Rancher, Chair., Owyhee County Sage-Grouse Local Working Group and EMT	Representative Member
Gibson, Michael	01/18/2017	01/18/2020	Recreation Industry-Idaho Field Coordinator, Trout Unlimited	Representative Member
Gray, Gene	01/07/2009	03/17/2018	West Central Sage-Grouse Wrkg Grp, ID Sage-Grouse Advisory Council, Payette City Tree Comm and Certified Arborist	Representative Member
Lyons, Charles	01/23/2016	01/22/2019	Rancher, Elmore County Sage-Grouse Local Working Group and Mountain Home Rangeland Fire Protection Association	Representative Member
McAdams, Jerry	03/17/2015	03/17/2018	Firefighter	Representative Member
Merrick, Arthur (Joe)	03/17/2015	03/17/2018	Owyhee County Commissioner	Representative Member
Oxarango, Rochelle	01/18/2017	01/18/2020	Rancher, Black Canyon Rangeland Fire Protection Association	Representative Member
Reay, Tina	09/20/2012	01/22/2019	4-H and BLM Horse Programs	Representative Member

Steenhof, Karen	10/18/2011	03/17/2018	Member of Raptor Research Foundation, Member of Raptor Research Foundation, Secretary for Owyhee County Sage-Grouse Local Working Group	Representative Member
Talsma, Arthur	03/17/2015	03/17/2018	Director of Restoration & Stewardship for The Nature Conservancy	Representative Member
Walsh, Bill	01/22/2016	01/22/2019	small business owner, member of Southern Idaho Desert Racing Assoc.	Representative Member
Yensen, Eric	01/18/2017	01/18/2020	Professor Emeritus, Biology Dept., College of Idaho	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 13

Narrative Description

The Boise District RAC has actively provided input to the BLM regarding natural resource issues. During FY 2017, the Boise District RAC provided input and recommendations to the BLM on the proposed Tri-State project and Bruneau-Owyhee Sage-Grouse Project. RAC members participated in various state Sage-grouse Working Groups. The RAC has been vocal and effectively engaged in the development of Soda Fire rehabilitation projects.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

N/A

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>

\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000
Over \$10,000,000
Cost Savings Other

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Cost Savings Comments

An in-depth analysis has not been done to determine cost savings associated with the Boise District RAC, however, the contributions of the RAC are of great benefit to the BLM.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

227

Number of Recommendations Comments

The Boise District RAC did not provide recommendations in FY18 and provided one recommendation to BLM in FY 2017. Recommendation included support for the Tri-State Fuel Break project.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

25%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

The following is a list of recommendations made by the Boise District RAC and fully implemented by the BLM in previous years: several recommended comments to the Four Rivers Field Office Resource Management Plan documents; provided ongoing recommendations during development of the environmental assessment for fuel breaks and utilization of other fire management tools.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

25%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

The RAC has suggested locating outside sources of funding to complete projects. However, no such funding has been secured. Many RAC members work within the RAC and state agencies to study the effect of habitat loss on Sage Grouse.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to

implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

The BLM Boise District management and staff provide explanations to the RAC on how they have implemented their recommendations.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

N/A

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

N/A

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

N/A